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<u>Amendments to the Claims:</u> This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

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- 1 1. (Original) A method of mounting a fiber optic unit to a photosensor, the method comprising the steps to:
- mounting the photosensor to a first carrier;
- bonding a first end of the fiber optic unit to the photosensor to create a joint between the fiber optic unit and the photosensor;
- 6 mounting a second end of the fiber optic unit to a second carrier; and
- compressing the joint between the fiber optic unit and the photosensor to strengthen the bond between the fiber optic unit and the photosensor.
- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of aligning an optical axis of the fiber optic unit with an optical axis of the photosensor.
- 3 (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of applying a pressure along the optical axis of the fiber optic unit.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of applying a pressure along the optical axis of the photosensor.
 - 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step ofapplying the a pressure to a side of the first carrier.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of applying a flexible backing along the optical axis of the photosensor.

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1	7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of
2	applying the a pressure to the flexible backing.
1	8. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of compressing the
2	flexible backing.
1	9. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of applying at least
2	one compression force to the flexible backing.
1	10. (Original) A device for mounting a fiber optic unit to a photosensor, the device
2	comprising:
3	a photosensor mounted to a first carrier;
4	a fiber optic unit coupled to the photosensor to create a joint between the
5	photosensor and the fiber optic unit; and
6	a force applying means coupled to the photosensor and the fiber optic unit for
7	applying a compression force to the joint.
1	11. (Original) he device of claim 10, wherein the force applying means includes a
2	second carrier mounted to the fiber optic unit.

1 12. (Original) The device of claim 10, wherein the force applying means includes a 2 flexible backing coupled to the first carrier.

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- 1 13. (Original) The device of claim 10, wherein the force applying means includes a spring.
- 1 14. (Original) The device of claim 13, wherein the spring presses the flexible
 2 backing against the first carrier.15. (Original) The device of claim 12, wherein the flexible
 3 backing is formed from a paste material.
- 1 15. (Original) the deice of claim 12, wherein the flexible backing is formed from a 2 paste material.
- 1 16. (New) A device for mounting a fiber optic unit to a photosensor, the device comprising:
- 3 a photosensor mounted to a carrier;
- a fiber optic unit bonded to the photosensor at a joint between the photosensor and the fiber optic unit; and
- a force applying apparatus coupled to the photosensor and the fiber optic unit for applying a compression force to the joint.
- 1 17. (New) The device for mounting of claim 16, wherein the force applying
- 2 apparatus includes a spring and a flexible layer between the spring and the photosensor.

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- 1 18. (New) A method of mounting a fiber optic unit to a photosensor, the method 2 comprising the steps of:
- 3 mounting the photosensor to a carrier;
- bonding a first end of the fiber optic unit to the photosensor at a joint between the fiber optic unit and the photosensor; and
- 6 compressing the joint between the fiber optic unit and the photosensor.
- 1 19. (New) The method of mounting of claim 18, further comprising the steps of
- 2 aligning an optical axis of the fiber optic unit with an optical axis of the photosensor and
 - applying pressure along at least one of the optical axis of the fiber optic unit and the optical
- 4 axis of the photosensor.

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